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A method of creating an electrically conducting bonding between a face of a first semiconductor element and a face of a second semiconductor element using heat treatment. The method applies the faces one against the other with the placing between them of at least one layer of a material configured to provide, after heat treatment, an electrically conducting bonding between the two faces. The deposited layers are chosen so that the heat treatment does not induce any reaction product between said material and the semi-conductor elements. Then, a heat treatment is carried out.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present Preliminary Amendment original Claims 1-10 are cancelled and new Claims 11-20 are presented for examination. New Claims 11-20 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including original Claims 1-10, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

Further, new Claims 11-20 are not believed to be more narrow in scope in any aspect than original Claims 1-10. Certain aspects of new Claims 11-20 are in fact broader. For example, new independent Claim 11 does not recite the term "consisting of" and instead recites the broader term "comprising".

A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled).

Claims 11-20 (New).

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Abstract (New).